

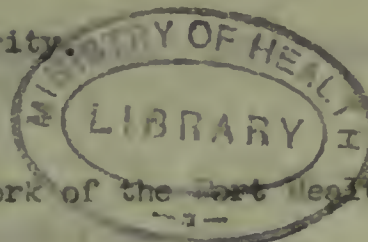
AC447(2) **PORTSMOUTH**  
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH  
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Public Health Department,  
Municipal Offices,  
1 Western Parade,  
Southsea.

To the Chairman and Members of the Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the work of the Port Health Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1950.



JURISDICTION OF THE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

The limits of the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority remain unchanged and are as set out in previous reports.

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE A

|                     | No.   | Tonnage  | No. Inspected                    |                           | Number reported to be defective | Number of vessels on which defects were remedied | Number of vessels reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board |
|---------------------|-------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     |       |          | By the Medical Officer of Health | By the Sanitary Inspector |                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| FOREIGN             |       |          |                                  |                           |                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Steamers            | 86    | 18,983)  | -                                | 118                       | 27                              | 27                                               | -                                                                                                |
| Motor               | 412   | 70,778)  |                                  |                           |                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Sailing             | -     | -        | -                                | -                         | -                               | -                                                | -                                                                                                |
| Fishing             | -     | -        | -                                | -                         | -                               | -                                                | -                                                                                                |
| COASTWISE           |       |          |                                  |                           |                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Steamers            | 649   | 248,518) | 1                                | 160                       | 21                              | 21                                               | -                                                                                                |
| Motor               | 321   | 99,509)  |                                  |                           |                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Sailing             | -     | -        | -                                | -                         | -                               | -                                                | -                                                                                                |
| Fishing             | -     | -        | -                                | -                         | -                               | -                                                | -                                                                                                |
| TOTAL               |       |          |                                  |                           |                                 |                                                  |                                                                                                  |
| Foreign & Coastwise | 1,468 | 437,788  | 1                                | 278                       | 48                              | 48                                               | -                                                                                                |

The total number shows an increase, as compared with the previous year (166 - tonnage 39,230).

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

There was no passenger traffic during the year.

CARGO TRAFFIC. The principal imports were coal, cement, stone, oil, timber, glassware, building materials, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, cauliflower, citrus fruits, apples, pears, peaches, nuts and general cargo traffic, from France, Italy, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Norway, North Africa, Spain and Channel Islands.

The principal exports were pitch, machinery, scrap iron and general cargo.



### III. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

The arrangements regarding the water supply remain unchanged and are as set out in previous reports.

### IV. PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933.

The arrangements made under the Port Health Regulations, 1933, remain unchanged and are as set out in previous reports.

TABLE C

There were no cases of infectious diseases landed from vessels.

TABLE D

There were no cases of infectious diseases occurring upon the voyage but disposed of prior to the vessel's arrival.

### V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Vessels arriving from abroad are examined periodically by the Port Sanitary Inspector. Rat disinfection is carried out by the Rodent Control Section of the Health Department.

When necessary, rat guards are placed on ropes between ships and the quays. The Port is not approved for the deratisation of ships. During the year four deratisation exemption certificates were issued as a result of the agreement with the Southampton Port Health Authority.

TABLE E

RATS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR  
(in vessels)

| <u>Number of Rats</u> |    |    |    |    | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|--------------|
| Black                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |
| Brown                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |
| Species not recorded  | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |
| Examined              | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |
| Infected with plague  | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |

TABLE F

RATS DESTROYED IN DOCKS, QUAYS, WHARVES, WAREHOUSES

| <u>Number of Rats</u> |    |    |    |    | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|--------------|
| Black                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14           |
| Brown                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 111          |
| Species not recorded  | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |
| Examined              | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |
| Infected with plague  | .. | .. | .. | .. | -            |

### VI. HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES

TABLE J

| Nationality of Vessel | No. Inspected during year | Defects of original construction | Structural defects through wear and tear | Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| British               | 160                       | -                                | -                                        | 21                                                      |
| Other Nations         | 118                       | -                                | -                                        | 27                                                      |



## VII. FOOD INSPECTION

During the year there has been a substantial development in the importation of foodstuffs.

Flathouse. One of the largest importers of Italian fruit in the country has his supplies shipped to Flathouse. Some of the ships come here from Italy while other consignments of fruit are put on rail from Italy to French and Belgian ports and then are shipped to Portsmouth, this trade having been diverted here from the Port of London. Italian imports handled consist of peaches, grapes, plums, pears, mandarines, lemons, cauliflowers and nuts.

Camber. Most of the edible imports shipped to the Camber were of French and Channel Islands origin and comprised chiefly cauliflowers, tomatoes, onions and potatoes.

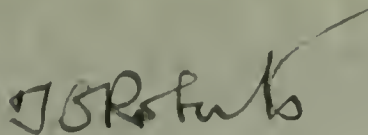
No adverse reports were made by the Veterinary Officer and Food Inspector during the year.

The number of livestock landed at the docks from the Isle of Wight was 388 (101 cattle, 2 calves, 76 horses, 130 pigs and 79 sheep). No clinical evidence of the existence of any contagious or notifiable diseases was found and all animals were able to proceed to their destinations.

I desire to express my thanks to the King's Harbour Master and to H.M. Collector of Customs and staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year, and to record my appreciation of the excellent service willingly given me by the Port Sanitary Inspector.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health,  
City and Port of Portsmouth.

1st March, 1951.

